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1. SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO VATICAN IS AS
FOLLOWS:

0910 -- MOTORCADE DEPARTS DSCELSIOR HOTEL FOR VATICAN.

0924 -- MOTORCADE ENTERS VATICAN AT ARCH OF THE BELLS.

0926 -- MOTORCADE DROPS PARTY AT STAIRWAY IN CORTYARD OF
ST. DAMASUS WHERE PARTY IS MET BY TWO GENTLEMEN OF HIS HOLINESS
(LAYMEN). PARTY THEN TAKES ELEVATORS TO THIRD LOGGIA FROM WHICH
THEY MOVE INTO CLEMENTINE HALL WHERE THEY ARE MET BY H.E. BISHOP
JACQUES MARTIN, PREFECT OF THE PONTIFICAL HOUSEHOLD. FROM THERE
THEY MOVE TO THE ANTI-CHAMBER WHERE THOSE NOT ACCOMPANYING
SECRETARY TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE POPE WILL WAIT.

0930 -- PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH POPE BEGINS. VATICAN ANTICIPATES
AUDIENCE WILL LAST APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. AT END OF DISCUSSIONS
THOSE MEMBERS OF PARTY WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING IN ANTI-CHAMBER WILL BE
BROUGHT IN AND INTRODUCED TO THE POPE, AFTER WHICH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL
BE TAKEN EXCLUSIVELY BY OFFICIAL VATICAN PHOTOGRAPHER.

1030 (CIRCA) -- PARTY DEPARTS PAPAL APARTMENTS FOR COURTYARD
OF ST. DAMASUS WHERE THEY ENTER CARS AND PROCEED TO AIRPORT FOR
DEPARTURE.

2. VATICAN HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ITS ENGLISH-ITALIAN INTER-
PRETER, MSGR. JUSTIN RIGALI (AN AMERICAN) TO COVER TALKS. SHOULD
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SECRETARY PREFER GREATER PRIVACY, AMBASSADOR LODGE IS PREPARED TO

INTERPRET ENGLISH TO FRENCH AS POPE HANDLES FRENCH WITH GREAT FACILITY.

3. SINCE VATICAN HAS URGED US TO KEEP THE PARTY AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE FOR THE AUDIENCE, WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT TENTATIVELY SIX PERSONS WOULD BE INVOLVED, PLUS SECRET SERVICE MEN.

4. PROPER DRESS FOR THE AUDIENCE IS DARK BUSINESS SUIT WITH CONSERVATE DARK NECKTIE. VOLPE

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